LPG distributors for various locations on All India basis are as under:—

Category	Percentage
SC/ST	25
Para Military Personnel	8
Defence Personnel	8
Physically Handicapped	5
Outstanding Sports Person	2
Freedom Fighter	2

Further, 33 per pent in each of the above category is reserved for women candidates.

(c) The demand of Motor Spirit/High Speed Diesel (MS/HSD) and LPG is being met in Himachal Pradesh through the regular dealers and LPG distributors respectively appointed by OMCs in the State.

Expansion of oil refineries

*18. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken during the Ninth Five Year Plan to increase the capacity of refineries;

(b) if so, the details of the expansion programmes carried out in that Plan period;

(c) whether production has increased after expansion; and

(d) if so, the refinery-wise details thereof alongwith the projections made for the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of tax expansion programmes carried out in the Ninth Five Year Plan for Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) refineries are as under:—

(i)	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Koyali (Gujarat)	4.20 million metric tonnes
(ii)	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)	3.00 million metric tonnes
(iii)	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Barauni (Bihar)	2.70 million metric tonnes
(iv)	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Haldia (West Bengal)	2.25 million metric tonnes
(v)	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh)	0.50 million metric tonnes

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Refinery-wise crude throughput in the first year and last year of the Ninth Five Year Plan for PSU refineries is given in Statement. *(See below)*. The following PSU refineries expansion programmes are under implementation for commissioning in the Tenth Five Year Plan period:—

(i)	Indian Oil Coporation Ltd. (IOCL), Panipat (Haryana)	6.00 million metric tonnes
(ii)	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), Mumbai (Maharashtra)	5.10 million metric tonnes
(iii)	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL), Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	3.00 million metric tonnes

Statement

PSU Refineries Crude Throughput

(Figures in MMT)

	1997-98	2001-02*
IOCL Refineries		
IOCL-Mathura	8.57	8.24
IOCL-Koyali	10.69	11.59
IOCL-Haldia	4.71	4.31
IOCL-Barauni	2.18	3.06
IOCL-Guwahati	0.86	0.77
IOCL-Digboi	0.50	0.65
IOCL-Panipat	—	5.95
IOCL	**27.51**	**34.55**
HPCL Refineries		
HP-Mumbai	6.38	5.71
HP-Visakh	2.47	7.05
HPCL	**8.85**	**12.76**

		(Figures in MMT)
	1997-98	2001-02*
BPCL-Mumbai	8.00	9.00
CPCL Refineries		
CPCL-Chennai	6.97	6.20
CPCL-Narimanam	0.56	0.64
CPCL	**7.52**	**6.84**
KRL-Kochi	**7.73**	**6.95**
BRPL-Bongaigaon	**1.72**	**1.49**
NRL-Numaligarh	**—**	**2.38**
ONGC-Tatipaka	**—**	**0.04**
TOTAL	**61.31**	**74.02**

MMT : Million Metric Tonnes
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Irrigation projects in Karnataka

*19. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of irrigation projects pertaining to Karnataka are pending for approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these projects were discussed with the State Government in the recent meeting in Bangalore; and

(c) if so, by when these projects are likely to be cleared?